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SUBJ: EXPORT OF RHESUS MONKEYS

REF: STATE 226067; NEW DELHI 7881

1. LETTER SENT TO DR. BEAUBIEN SCI NOVEMBER 14 DESCRIBING
PRESENT STATUS OF RHESUS MONKEY EXPORTS FROM INDIA.

2. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT ARE EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE ABOUT CONSERVATION OF INDIA'S WILD LIFE AND
ARE LOOKING INTO EXPLOITATION OF ALL SPECIES. OFFICIALS
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE-DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS FEEL
DEPLETION OF RHESUS MONKEYS IS SERIOUS. CONSEQUENTLY,
PRESSURE WAS PUT ON MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO LIMIT EXPORT
LICENSES FOR RHESUS MONKEYS FOR ONE YEAR TO SURVEY PROBLEM.
HENCE THE CUT IN EXPORT QUOTA OF RHESUS FROM 50,000
LAST FY TO 30,000 THIS FY.

3. EXPORTERS SUCH AS PATTERSON CO., FIND MORE DIFFICULT
TO OBTAIN NON-INFECTED MONKEYS, BUT BELIEVE GOI RES-
TRICTIONS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY. THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED
ANY OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOI TO LIMIT EXPORT, BUT
HAVE NOT YET REACHED 30,000 QUOTA.

4. SCIATT WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE AND TWO CHIEF EXPORTERS EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR
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DISCUSSIONS OF SITUATION. WILL REPORT OUTCOME OF MEETINGS

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